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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for ELINT

SUBJECT   : Determination of "O" Vulnerability

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1. Col. Ledford had a meeting at 1:00 today attended by Messrs. Duckett, [ ] two others and myself to discuss the desire on the part of Mr. McCone to make a high level presentation indicating the possible vulnerability of the "O". Dr. Wheelon and Col. Ledford are essentially opposed to such presentation but are nevertheless preparing an agenda so that the material which Mr. McCone might need will be available.

2. Col. Ledford asked Mr. Duckett to set up a series of meetings to pin down what the over all position would be. The position should include an estimate of vulnerability in the general case, say for SR overflight and make [ ] a special case. The meeting date is tentatively set for 2 and 3 November at which time "working expert" level people will weld together a position. This will be followed by a policy meeting on 6 November. Participants will include SAC, NORAD, State, DD R&D, NRO, JRC, DIA and possibly [ ]

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3. Basic objective of these meetings is to assure that if Mr. McCone briefs the President that no-one who might be present will object to anything presented. The meeting is to be held Monday afternoon or Tuesday to review the agenda with Wheelon.

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4. I held a meeting at 11:30 with Messrs. [ ] to determine what we felt the effectiveness of the existing ECM might be. The numbers are not particularly encouraging and after the other participants had left, I ran through these numbers very quickly with Ledford and suggested that he seriously consider asking for SAC or Navy jammers to cloud any [ ] flight. This would eliminate the necessity for using any [ ] aircraft ECM equipment, and could

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well provide more protection by obscuring the presence of the aircraft.
Ledford seemed to concur in these views and didn't appear to be at
all disappointed that the ECM equipment leaves considerable to be
desired.

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